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Students may get break on glitchy payroll

PHOENIX

Universities in Ottawa offering fee extension, no interest charges

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

As tuition deadlines quickly approach, Ottawa's two universities are offering relief to students left scrambling under the federal government's glitchy pay system.

"We're making sure our students know that if their pay issues haven't been resolved we will look at every situation case by case and either extend their time to be able to pay their fees or not charge any interest or late fees," said Carleton University vice president Suzanne Blanchard.

Issues with Phoenix have put a financial crunch on many public service workers, some of whom haven't been paid in months.

Students relying on summer jobs to pay tuition have voiced concerns that they may have to drop out of school until they get paid.

Blanchard said the university is always open to finding case-by-case solutions to specific financial situations, but wanted to encourage students to come forward about Phoenix. So far 15 people have asked for assistance, and Blanchard expects even more as the deadline approaches.

Spokeswoman Néomie Duval said the University of Ottawa is offering the same service to students for students who need to pay fall tuition.

Both universities require students to bring a letter from their employer proving that they have been affected by the Phoenix payment issues.

JUSTIN TANG/FOR METRO

'Just because you're disabled, doesn't mean you can't do anything. I do have the ability to earn some income'

ACORN Ottawa is rallying Friday to let people on disability, like **Michelle Walrond**, hold onto more of their wages

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5 THINGS TO DO IN OTTAWA THIS WEEKEND

Polo, craft beer and hip hop: enjoy the last of the summer in style this weekend.

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1 Makerspace Open House

Calling all makers: curious about robots, woodworking, CNC machines, 3D printing, drones or pickle making? There's lots to see and try at Makerspace North's annual open house on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 250 City Centre Avenue. There will also be kid friendly activities and tasty local treats. **Saturday**

2 Craft beer festival

Check out the largest craft beer festival in Ontario (200 different beers!) this weekend from Friday to Sunday at Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne. All your favourite Ottawa breweries will be there as well as some unfamiliar brews from across the province — and cider, wine and food too. One-day tickets are $25 each and 10 sampling tickets are $10. **All weekend**

3 Polo in the Park

Come for sport, horses, dogs or fancy hats: There's lots going on at the annual Polo in the Park in Wesley Clover Parks in Nepean. Watch the Ottawa vs. Toronto match at 1 p.m. but don't miss the fancy hat competition, food and refreshments and children's entertainment. Tickets are $15 and admission is free for children 18 years and under. **Saturday**

4 House of PainT

Ottawa's urban arts festival kicks off this week. House of PainT offers concerts, competitions, workshops and academic talks each year on DJing, MCing, graffiti art and dance. Everything takes place under Dunbar Bridge in Brewer Park near Carleton University on Aug. 25-28. **All weekend**

5 Palestinian Festival

Celebrate the food, music and culture of Palestine this weekend outside City Hall. From Friday to Sunday you can sample favourite foods and take in musical performances that include a mix of traditional and modern sounds. There will also be a live fashion show at 7 p.m. Friday and 5 p.m. Saturday. Entry is free. **All weekend**

CITY HALL

Mayor and police officials try to keep internal strife internal

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

The mayor and top police brass say they will work together, following a tumultuous few months of publicly aired internal strife.

Chief Charles Bordeleau, Ottawa Police Association President Matt Skof, and police services board chair Eli El-Chantiry met with Mayor Jim Watson behind his office's closed doors on Thursday morning.

But despite the heated back-and-forth in recent headlines, they decided to keep details of the private meeting to themselves.

"Our members have a very difficult job to do out there. It's been compounded by some of the very public discussion that has been taking place within the media," said Bordeleau. "We all agree that these conversations have no place in the public forum."

Watson described it as a "very thorough and frank discussion" about issues that can be dealt with internally, at the board level, or provincially. The four plan to meet again in two to three weeks to talk about progress.

"It was respectful, but it wasn't a love-in," said Watson, of the meeting.

The internal strife came to light last March, when Const. Paul Heffler sent a letter to his colleagues criticizing senior staff for treating rank-and-file officers like "dime store security guards."

Since then, Skof has been publicly vocal about several police board decisions, including a plan to fold community officers into a patrol unit.

He called for El-Chantiry's resignation after the police board chair denied morale among officers was low. Last week, Watson said that if any cops are unhappy with their jobs, they should quit.

The four city and police leaders took a different tone — publicly, at least — on Thursday.

"As we've all agreed, something needs to change," Skof said. "We're hopeful to see that in the coming weeks."

– WITH FILES FROM EMMA JACKSON

Carleton mulls new footbridge

TRANSPORTATION

Multi-use connection would link to O-Train span

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

No more detours, no right hooks, no more drivers' dirty looks?

That could well be the refrain from Carleton University campus sometime in the next decade if the city goes ahead with a new cycling and pedestrian bridge over the Rideau River.

On Tuesday, the federal government announced $775,000 for preliminary planning work on a footbridge between the school and Vincent Massey Park.

There's already a bridge for the O-Train at that spot, and as the city plans for light rail-related rehabilitations, it's prudent to assess if a pedestrian connection can somehow be worked into the project, too, said transportation planning manager Vivi Chi.

"The light rail transit stations are designed to be multi-modal," Chi said in an email. "Without the (bridge), there is no direct cycling and walking access across the river."

Right now those cycling north to Carleton — or the Carleton O-Train station — have two poor choices for crossing the river: detour west to the Hog's Back locks, or go east and take the Dunbar bridge on Bronson Avenue. That option's tantamount to a death wish, said Capital Coun. David Chernushenko.

"If I were to rank all the bridges over the Rideau River, the Dunbar Bridge would be the worst," he said.

Cyclists there contend with vehicles going 90 km/h or more. Chernushenko welcomed a multi-use connection attached to the O-Train span, which he said would give cyclists a safer, more convenient option.

River Coun. Riley Brockington, whose ward includes Confederation Heights south of the proposed bridge, said "there's no doubt in my mind" it would be well-used.

The span would connect to the NCC's river pathway network and a new multi-use pathway along the O-Train line down to Confederation station, Chi said.

The preliminary design work will help sort out when and how the bridge could be built, and how much it might cost.

The city says a new footbridge could be a welcome addition to its stage two LRT plans, since it will be rehabilitating the O-Train span anyway. PEMMA JACKSON/METRO

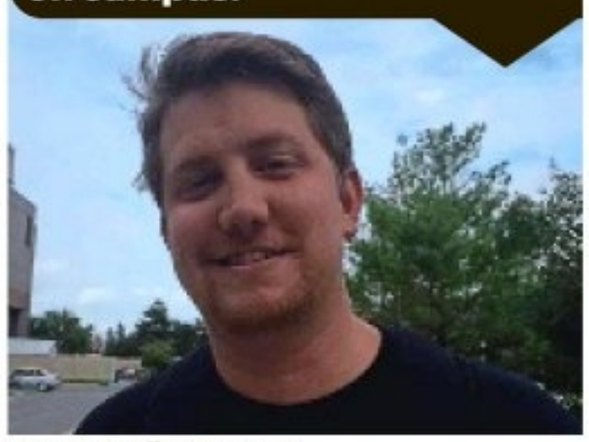
How the bridge will impact you

LUCY SCHOLEY /METRO

It's probably a good thing. Safer for students. I'm a driver and I've almost hit people running out on to Bronson.

Name: Emily Start, 20
Commute from: South Keys

I live in the other direction, so it doesn't affect me much, but cool idea. Being surrounded by water makes it difficult, at times, to get on campus.

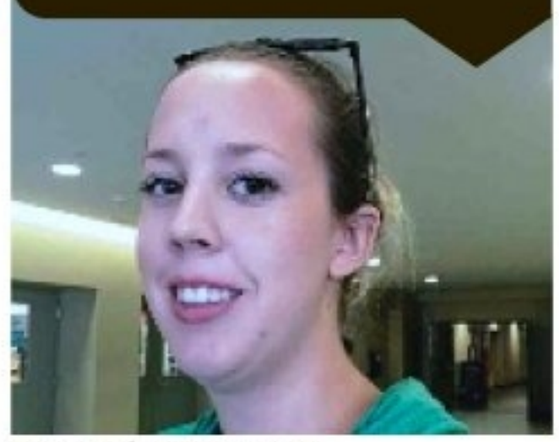


Name: Bradley Cass, 24
Commute from: Merivale

It probably won't in the winter because it's so cold and I'm already kind of scared to bike in Ottawa. In the spring, it'll be easier.

Name: Reshiga Sri, 20
Commute from: Bronson and Somerset

It won't, but I think it's great to allow access to students.



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Michelle Walrond is shown at home in Barrhaven on Thursday. She said **ODSP clawbacks are a disincentive to work, and keep people in poverty.** JUSTIN TANG/FOR METRO

Disabled workers fight income limits

EQUALITY

Clawbacks leave people in poverty, advocates say

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

After rent and hydro is paid, Michelle Walrond has only $240 left for the rest of the month.

The 60-year-old former teacher lives on disability payments, the result of severe arthritis in her spine and hips, fibromyalgia and a stroke that affects her memory.

To help make ends meet, she teaches English online to two South Korean students. She would do more if she could.

It's not that she can't take on more work, it's that after a certain point the province claws back so much of her income, it's not worth her time.

Walrond will join social justice group ACORN Ottawa at a rally outside MPP Bob Chiarelli's office Friday, where they'll call for the right to keep more of their income while receiving payments from the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). They're hoping to get 5,000 signatures on a petition, too, the threshold needed to mandate a response from the government.

Right now, those on ODSP can make up to $200 a month without affecting their monthly allowance. Beyond that, the province keeps 50 per cent of anything they earn.

That's a disincentive to work and keeps people in poverty, Walrond said.

"It's not only frustrating, it's totally counterintuitive," said Walrond. "Just because you're disabled ... doesn't mean you can't do anything. I do have the ability to earn some income."

ACORN would like to see the income limit raised to $800, said Tina Ford, chairwoman of ACORN Ottawa's social assistance committee.

With that amount, "these people would have extra money for food, expenses, clothing," Ford said. "You don't have to go to the food bank as much, or you can buy a bus pass. They would have better food, more healthy food."

ACORN also wants the province to change its asset limits so families can keep more than $7,500 in savings at a time.

The rally starts at 12 p.m. Friday at 2249 Carling Avenue in Carlingwood.

BREAKDOWN

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GUNSHOTS

Police called after shots fired in the west end

Ottawa police are investigating after shots were fired in the city's west end on Wednesday.

Police say they got a call at about 6 p.m. about gunshots on McWatters Rd., near the Pinecrest exit of the Queensway. Police focused their search along the 1200 block of McWatters Rd. No one reported any injuries.

Witnesses say they saw a silver Nissan and a black Honda flee the scene.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the guns and gangs unit at 613-236-1222 ext. 5050. METRO

CRIME

Police seek hirsute-handed bank robber

Steve Rennie
Metro | Ottawa

The fuzz is on the hunt for a fuzzy fingered fugitive.

Ottawa police say a man with "hairy hands" robbed a bank in Riverside South on Wednesday afternoon.

The man walked into a bank in the plaza near Earl Armstrong Rd. and River Rd. around 2:10 p.m. on Aug. 24. Police say he was wearing a disguise.

Police say he made off with an undisclosed quantity of cash. No one was hurt and no one reported seeing a weapon. The hairy-handed man was last seen running toward the plaza's entrance off Earl Armstrong Rd.

Police describe the suspect as a white man who is tanned and fit. He spoke English without an accent and looked to be in his mid-20s. He is about 5-1 and weighs about 200 pounds. He wore a black baseball hat, dark aviator-style sunglasses, a black mask or bandana with a white design, a light grey short-sleeve T-shirt with "Harley" in red on the front, blue jeans and white latex gloves. He carried a green Independent Grocer bag.

PM urges Liberals to focus on growing middle class

SAGUENAY, QUE

'We need to look 40 years down the road,' Trudeau says

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau warned his Liberal MPs on Thursday to resist resting on their laurels now that they have formed government, and to avoid becoming too distracted by the daily ups and downs of life in politics.

"We should be proud of what we've accomplished, but never satisfied," Trudeau told the national Liberal caucus, which gathered in Saguenay, Que., to hammer out the legislative and political agenda before returning to Parliament Hill next month.

"I know that it's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day, but let's never forget why we are all here in this room — to help the middle class and those working hard to join it."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau heads to the beginning of a caucus meeting in Saguenay, Que. on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The prime minister said that vision applies not just for the rest of the year, nor even the rest of the majority Liberal mandate before the 2019 election.

"As a government, we need to look 40 years down the road, not just four. To the next generation, not just to the next election. Because when a government takes that long view, it can deliver extraordinary results for Canadians," he said.

The fight against climate change is one particularly "daunting challenge" that lies ahead, Trudeau noted.

Thursday's long-game reminder from Trudeau also comes after a rough few days of negative attention over expensive mistakes by some rookie ministers, such as the thousands Health Minister Jane Philpott spent to be chauffeured around in a luxury vehicle owned by a Liberal volunteer.

The caucus retreat is a way for Liberal MPs to reconnect after the summer away from Ottawa, but also to get updates from cabinet ministers on their legislative plans for the fall.

Electoral reform, national security and the plans for a price on carbon are all expected to be discussed during the closed-door meetings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FEMINISM

- Trudeau has joined a social media campaign urging world leaders to acknowledge that poverty has a disproportionate impact on girls and women. "Women and girls are less likely to get an education, more likely to be impoverished, and face greater risk of disease and poor health," Trudeau wrote in a letter.
- The letter was crafted in response to a call from the ONE Campaign, which promotes maternal and child health projects in developing countries.

Lone wolves are main terror threat: Report

The main terrorist threat on Canadian soil remains lone wolves or small groups inspired by ideology to carry out attacks, a new public safety report states.

The 2016 report on terrorist threats to Canada drew a distinction between attacks "inspired" by extremist ideology versus those "directed" by terrorist organizations abroad.

"As with the 2014 attacks in Canada, an individual or small group can be inspired to carry out an act of violence … with little or no warning," states the report, released Thursday morning.

"Such attacks can target areas with limited or no security, including crowded public places and public transportation. Even small-scale terrorist attacks have significant psychological and economic impacts."

The October 2014 attacks in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., and Ottawa seem to fit the "inspiration" category — as does the attempted attack foiled by authorities in Strathroy, Ont.

Aaron Driver was shot dead by police after the FBI tipped off Canadian authorities that the 24-year old, who was on a peace bond due to a suspicion he was connected to terrorist groups, planned to attack a major urban centre with a homemade bomb.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said Driver's plan shows the need for "continued vigilance."

The report comes as the Liberal government prepares to review Canada's national security framework — including revisiting some elements of the previous Conservative government's terrorism legislation, Bill C-51. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CRIME

Crossbow incident leaves three dead, one injured

Three people suffering from what appeared to be wounds from a crossbow were pronounced dead Thursday in an incident that rocked a Toronto neighbourhood, police said. An injured 35-year-old man was taken into custody. Two men and a woman were pronounced dead a short time later. A crossbow was found nearby on the floor. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NATURAL DISASTER

Canadian citizen among victims of deadly Italy earthquake

A Canadian citizen was among at least 250 people killed in an earthquake that left thousands homeless on Wednesday, said Minister of Foreign Affairs Stéphane Dion.

"I was extremely saddened to see the tragic loss of life following the devastating earthquake in central Italy, which now includes the death of a Canadian citizen," Dion said in a statement. "We share in the grief of the lives cut short by this terrible event."

The foreign affairs department did not release the name of the victim.

Dion said he spoke with Italian foreign minister Paolo Gentiloni hours earlier to express his condolences.

"On behalf of the government of Canada, I also extend my condolences now to the family and friends of the Canadian life lost in the quake. Canada continues to stand behind the people of Italy during this difficult period," he said.

The 6.2-magnitude quake struck at 3:36 a.m. and reduced three towns in central Italy to rubble.

Bob Sacco, president of the National Federation of Canadian Italian Business and Professional Associations, says that while it's still early, his organization is looking at options to support recovery efforts.

Volunteers work to move rubble during search and rescue operations in Amatrice, Italy, on Wednesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

"I got a lot of calls from our chapters in Montreal and various chapters across Canada that basically said, 'How can we help?' The first step is really to figure out who the right people are to have an idea and do an effective plan," he said.

Sacco was previously involved with fundraising after a powerful 2009 earthquake in Italy's Abruzzo region, which killed more than 300 people. At that time, the Abruzzo Earthquake Relief Fund was established, raising $2 million for a new medical research facility at the University of L'Aquila, in one of the towns hit hardest by the earthquake. Another $400,000 was donated to the Red Cross.

"The Italian community stepped up to the plate when that happened there and I'm sure they'll do that this time as well," Sacco said.

He added that his organization will likely follow a similar plan to raise money for the towns affected by the recent earthquake. But for now, he said rescue efforts are most important.

"Some of those towns, they go back thousands of years with churches and architects. That's part of that rebuilding process — how you recapture what's lost," he said. "But first of all you have to make sure everybody's safe." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Australian-Lebanese designer **Aheda Zanetti** holds up her burkini swimsuits. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

FRANCE

Burkini bans face legal challenge

France's highest administrative authority is studying whether local bans on full-body burkini swimsuits are legal, amid growing concerns in the country and abroad about police forcing Muslim women to disrobe.

Images of uniformed police appearing to require a woman to take off her tunic, and media accounts of similar incidents, have elicited shock and anger online this week.

Some fear that burkini bans in several French towns, based on a strict application of French secularism policies, are worsening religious tensions. Divisions have emerged in President Francois Hollande's government over the bans, and protests have been held in London and Berlin by those defending women's right to wear what they want.

Critics of the local decrees have said the orders are too vague, prompting local police officials to fine even women wearing the traditional Islamic headscarf and the hijab, but not burkinis. The bans do not generally use the word "burkini" but forbid in a general way clothing that is ostentatiously religious.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls said on BFM television Thursday that burkinis represent the "enslavement of women" and reiterated support for the bans — but urged police to implement the bans fairly and respectfully.

Two human rights groups, arguing the bans are discriminatory, appealed to the Council of State. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

13 dead in attack on Afghanistan university

A brazen, hours-long militant attack on the American University of Afghanistan ended Thursday after at least 13 people were killed and dozens wounded in the assault on the sprawling campus, a government spokesman said. The dead included seven students and one teacher, according to Afghan authorities. No group has claimed responsibility. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rebels, residents to evacuate Damascus suburb

After four years of bombardment and siege, the residents and rebels of a Damascus suburb agreed to surrender and evacuate Thursday, Syrian government and opposition activists said. The surrender of Daraya is a success for President Bashar Assad's government, removing what has been a persistent threat to the capital and military bases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cold brews hot sellers for coffee, tea chains

FOOD AND DRINK

David's Tea, Starbucks brew up icy drink growth

A cold front is moving into the already saturated regular coffee market in Canada, thanks to younger consumers.

"There's no real growth in hot coffee. It's all been done, so the cold beverage market is the evolution for these chains," Doug Fisher, a longtime food service industry analyst, notes.

According to research firm NPD Group, iced coffee has seen a 16.9 per cent growth in sales at "quick service" or fast food restaurants in Canada in the 12 months ending June 2016.

And the cold category's popularity is no longer limited to the steamy summer months either.

"We have seen an increased shift in consumer preference from hot to cold throughout the whole year," says Mary Graham, vice president, category brand management, Starbucks Canada.

Cold drinks are the hottest thing out there now for the big players. CONTRIBUTED

The java giant has enjoyed a 30 per cent growth in sales over the last two years of all things chilled, from their Frappuccino and new Cold Brew to their Teavana line of products.

McDonald's is also seeing strong iced coffee growth of 23.4 per cent at its McCafé counters over the last year.

Starbucks' iced tea business in Canada has grown 41 per cent since August 2014.

Approximately 85 per cent of tea consumed in America is iced, according to the Tea Association of the U.S.A. With this in mind, Montreal-based Davids Tea is brewing up a rapid expansion in the U.S.

The Tea Association of Canada says frequent innovation and constant marketing of new products have helped keep tea top-of-mind for consumers, especially millennials, who are more likely than older generations to drink the beverage.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

COLD FACTS

- **16.9 per cent** growth in iced coffee at fast food joints in Canada over the last year
- **30 per cent** growth in icy drinks at Starbucks in last two years
- **23.4 per cent** growth in iced coffee segment at McCafés in Canada
- **85 per cent** of tea consumed in the U.S. is iced

MCDONALD'S-COLLEGES PARTNERSHIP

McEducation a bad precedent: Union

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union opposes the recent partnership between McDonald's Canada and Ontario's colleges to offer advance placement to the chain's managers who complete some internal training.

OPSEU president Warren Thomas said in a statement that students are the biggest losers of this arrangement, which allows them to bypass the first year of a business or business administration diploma at Ontario's 24 public colleges.

He said employers will value those diplomas less and the students will lose out on high-quality education.

OPSEU — which represents about 130,000 workers in Ontario, including community college employees — called it a chilling precedent of outsourcing the responsibility of public education to private corporations, like McDonald's.

Colleges Ontario president and CEO Linda Franklin said in a statement that the current economy calls for innovative new approaches to strengthen the training of the workforce.

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CANADA POST

Job action notice issued

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers, representing nearly 51,000 Canada Post employees, issued a 72-hour notice of job action Thursday, just hours before a strike mandate was set to expire, but stopped short of a full-blown walkout.

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A Brazilian study says new tests are needed to ensure sunglasses still offer UV protection after hours of wear in the sun

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A CHUNK OF ICE THE SIZE OF SCOTLAND

It's literally what happens in the opening scene of the global warming disaster movie The Day After Tomorrow: The massive crack in the 350-metre-thick **Larsen C ice shelf**, which hangs off the northern edge of Antarctica, has grown an unprecedented 22 kilometres since March. **The reason: Climate change. The result: It will break off. And it could be bad.**

100 km
The Larsen C ice shelf has a crack 130 km x 350 m — 100 metres wider than last year. A massive piece, a little smaller than Scotland, will soon break off.
Mathematical models of two possible scenarios predict 9 to 12 per cent of the shelf will break away. No one knows when. The more severe case (Scenario II) is now more likely, University of Swansea researchers say.
It's cracking up for two reasons: The top layer of snow is becoming more compact (losing air) because the air is warming, and warming ocean currents are melting it from below.
The shelf's afloat, so a break-up won't make sea level rise instantly. But a jagged edge could make the whole thing unstable. Worst case: If the whole thing disintegrates and all the glacial ice it's holding back melts, the result could be a 10-centimetre sea level rise.
SCENARIO II
SCENARIO I
Today, the crack is 130 km long and 350 m wide.
SCENARIO I = 4,600 KM² = 1.7 TIMES THE SIZE OF OTTAWA*
SCENARIO II = 6,400 KM² = 2.3 TIMES THE SIZE OF OTTAWA
*AMALGAMATED OTTAWA.

FINDINGS
Your week in science

SQUISHY ROBOT
It's gooey, eight-tentacled, transparent, and about the size of an SD card: **Octobot**, the first robot with no solid parts. A gas-producing chemical reaction makes it move, showing one day robots could mold to their surroundings.

RIVER MARTIANS
If the Curiosity rover had landed on Mars just four billion years earlier, it would have encountered vast, winding rivers. A report in the journal Geology says fossilized riverbeds have been discovered — possibly harbouring fossils of living things— on an ancient region of the red planet's surface.

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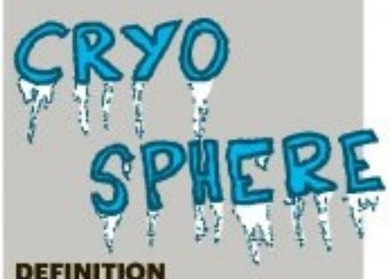

DEFINITION
The **cryosphere** is the sum total of all the ice on Earth, including the continental ice sheets, ice caps, glaciers, areas of snow and permafrost, and sea ice. It's part of the **hydrosphere**, the total of all the water on our planet and in its atmosphere.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Deborah's been reading those climate-change denier websites again. She clearly hasn't been paying attention to the recent, radical shrinking of the **cryosphere**.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

My massive math miscalculation

Instead of answering a question this week, I have a confession. It's the reason I'm Metro's citizen scientist, and not a real scientist. It's why I'm not a data journalist.

I never took math seriously in high school or university, and I'm paying for it now.

Math and I parted ways in 2007 when I placed the final exam for mandatory first-year calculus on a table covered in all the hair I'd pulled out in the preceding three hours. I suspect the 72 I earned was closer to a 52, because we were graded on a curve.

Not that I knew what "graded on a curve" meant: I blew off statistics too. My program recommended, but did not require it. And far be it from me to do math that was not required.

It felt like cleverly pulling one over on the school. But I screwed myself over, to lasting effect.

High-school stats didn't introduce concepts, such as tests of significance, I need to understand now to report about science. Not that I would have benefited, if it had covered those things: I fudged my way through that class too, earning an A-minus on a final project that probably deserved a D. (Thanks, grade inflation).

I never considered a STEM field, not because I didn't want to, but because I thought I couldn't. Too hard. Too much math.

It was my mistake. But I'd like to foist a bit of blame on everyone who said, "You'll never use this math in real life" in my earshot.

Because, as I've learned the hard way, that is such a filthy lie.

Math is how we decide what's true and false, what's likely and unlikely. When we say we're "informed" about climate change or vaccine safety or dietary fat, we're actually saying we get the math at the heart of these things.

I don't. And I know this blind spot — OK, it's more like a missing eye — could get me in trouble one day. I'm taking AP statistics, an online course designed for bright high schoolers. It's a decade overdue. Not too late, but I do wish I made my education count the first time around.

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Statham is always the stoic loner

IN FOCUS

Mechanic: Resurrection continues star's beloved brand

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Jason Statham isn't so much an actor as he is a brand.

When you go to McDonald's you know you can expect the two all beef patties, special sauce and the sesame seed bun to taste the same whether you're in Calgary or Hong Kong.

It's that kind of brand management that has made Statham a star. You know what to expect from his movies — rippling abs, some high kicking action, his trademarked facial stubble and loads of explosions.

It's a simple formula but one that works for his fans. Perhaps the advertising slogan for his new film, Mechanic: Resurrection should be New, But Still Exactly the Same.

Statham returns to the role of Arthur Bishop, a part originated by Charles Bronson and resuscitated by Statham in 2011's The Mechanic.

The new film finds the actor playing a variation on his Statham Character #1 in which he is a "loner with a past who must protect a loved one," as opposed to Statham Character #2 which is the "loner with a past who must protect a youthful innocent."

As Bishop, he has put the bloody work of professional assassin in the past and is now trying to lead a normal life. When a villain kidnaps the love of his life, however, he must get his hands dirty and return to his specialty, killing people and making it look like an accident.

What Statham lacks in range he makes up for in muscle tone. His well-crafted on-screen persona is equal parts stoic masculinity and lithe athletic ability. He's Charles Bronson (who starred in the original The Mechanic in 1972) with better moves, a man of action and few words in the mould of Clint Eastwood, if Clint had a better roundhouse kick.

In Mechanic: Resurrection, his 38th film since 1998 (and he has at least three more in the pipeline), he doesn't do anything we haven't seen him do before, but no matter, he simply does the things we expect him to do.

That's what brands do, and as movie brands go these days he's about as reliable as it gets.

He is either remarkably consistent or just really enjoys playing guys who can break your neck with a steely gaze.

Recently, a scientific poll — OK, I posted a question on facebook — posed this question: What makes Statham movies so popular? Here are some of the comments:

- His Blue Steel stare puts Zoolander to shame!
- His complete lack of facial movement? It's like if Buster Keaton were an emotionless British killing machine.
- He always manages to kick someone's butt while being tied to a chair.
- Not since Don Johnson, circa Miami Vice, has an actor managed to maintain a perfect three-day stubble…

Statham's movies are predictable as heck. "You gotta be kidding me!" you'll be tempted to say at some of the plot twists, if only the movie's characters didn't beat you to it.

They are cliché-a-thons, but because Statham understands his audience and persona his films are dumb good fun. His über-macho presence is more important than the scripts. As long as he is in motion, running and leaping, kicking and punching, and giving voice to action movie platitudes in his distinctive English rasp, his pictures work.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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A Tale of Love and Darkness	★★★

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INTERVIEW

Actress directs herself in film adaptation of Jerusalem book

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Portman sees Israel through her own lens

Portman's film is the culmination of a decade's work to bring Amos Oz's biographical novel a Tale of Love and Darkness to the screen. It stars Amir Tessler as Amos, an Israeli author who chronicles his childhood growing up in 1940s Jerusalem. SUPPLIED

It took more than two decades before Natalie Portman finally got an opportunity to work with a female director. Coincidentally, that filmmaker just happened to be her.

Making her debut behind the camera, the thespian felt so passionate about turning hit novel A Tale of Love and Darkness into a big-screen drama, she adapted the screenplay, took the lead role and set herself up to direct.

"The relationship between the mother and the son really moved me," said Portman of Amos Oz's memoir about growing up in 1940s Jerusalem.

"Some people have really vivid childhood imaginations of aliens or monsters and that's what they make movies about. For me, it was very much Israel. Those were the kinds of stories I heard growing up."

Portman herself was born in Jerusalem, and the 35-year-old talent has always possessed a curiosity about Israel's earliest days.

In her effort to portray the era with complete accuracy, she even filmed the movie in Hebrew — at the expense of the project's potential commercial viability.

"If you make a bad movie that nobody relates to, I don't think anyone's going to come to it no matter what language it's in," said Portman, who recalls critics also told her Black Swan (the 2010 drama for which she won an Oscar) was ill-fated.

"(People) were like, 'Ballet is for girls and thrillers are for boys so who's going to see your movie?' and it ended up being the most profitable film I've been in, in terms of budget relative to box office," laughed Portman.

"When you make something that has emotional truth, you can connect people in the most meaningful way."

Just as Portman has come a long way since she began acting at age 11, so too has Hollywood, she insists. Already anticipating directing again, Portman is encouraged that female filmmakers may be finally getting their day in Hollywood.

"People are actively looking for female directors now for projects; they're much more excited about female-led projects in terms of financing," said Portman, crediting the media.

"I think it's really a case of journalism leading the charge where I think all the writing about it has really changed behaviour."

CAREER REFLECTION IN HER OWN WORDS

On making a period drama on a budget

"This is obviously a fraction of a fraction of a fraction of a superhero movie budget," said Portman.

"(But) an audience will relate to it in a deep way and I believe in that."

On her commitment to the acting profession

"Acting allows you do these short stints of intense work and take longer breaks," said Portman, insisting she's not forsaking acting for a directing career.

"It would be nice if I had the luxury of continuing to do both."

On overcoming her fear of vanity as an actress

"As a director I was really able to be kinder and gentler with myself just for the utilitarian purpose of needing to make the movie better," said Portman.

"Sometimes I did a good job which is usually hard to admit."

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Like Dave (in Breaking Away), I've also pretended to be Italian — mostly in the kitchen

For the last 18 years I've travelled the streets of Toronto on my bike.

In the early days, before designated bike lanes arrived on some streets, I quickly learned that police will treat cyclists like motorists: shortly after arriving to the city in '98 for grad school, I received a ticket for running a red light. I've never done it again, $185 later.

Today, I'm equal parts frustrated and bewildered more by my fellow cyclists than motorists: those that don't signal their intent, that breeze past open streetcar doors, and that ride on sidewalks (some even ring their bells at pedestrians!) What confuses me most, however, involves what used to be pretty standard street fare: the right-hand turn.

Today, at most downtown street lights where cars and bikes converge, it's turned into a juggernaut that shouldn't be: "cyclists can either stay behind the vehicle," the Ontario Ministry of Transportation advises me in its safety material, "or pass the right-turning vehicle on the left by shoulder checking, signalling, checking again and then passing on the left. Never pass a right-turning vehicle on the right."

Mostly I just see motorists yielding to cyclists illegally passing on the right. When they don't, I've observed cyclists give motorists the finger, kick their door, and yell at them to get out of the bike lane, which — in most cases — they've legally merged into. Once a cyclist even yelled at me for lawfully yielding to a car. It's almost enough to make you ride the streetcar.

Which is why I dialled up the 1979 classic Breaking Away on Netflix. Nominated for five Academy Awards, including best picture, and taking home a screenwriting Oscar, it's the best biking movie ever made.

OK, yes I know there's not a big pool to choose from, but the film, set in Bloomington, Indiana, during the summer that four friends figure out who they should be after graduating high school, was on steady viewing rotation in my childhood home.

The movie climaxes with a relay bike race that sees the the four "cutters"— colloquial for townies — compete against the rich college kids. Their leader, Dave, is so obsessed with the Italian cycling team that he pretends to be one of them.

Like Dave, I've also pretended to be Italian — mostly in the kitchen, which explains why almost every day this August, I've made panzanella salad. Grill stale bread on the barbecue, add cucumbers, pickled red onions, basil, ripe home-grown tomatoes, vinegar and olive oil and you've got dinner — without turning on the oven.

Besides nostalgia, I also owe a lot to this film, professionally speaking. Back in 2011, an editor at Maclean's thought it would be fun for the magazine's editorial assistant, me, to report from TIFF red carpets. First up was Moneyball, where I posed the profound question of: What's your favourite sports movie? Chris Pratt and Amy Ferris politely obliged. After naming Raging Bull, Field of Dreams, and A League of Their Own, Ferris dropped in Breaking Away and I lost my mind. "Breaking Away? Breaking Away!" I screamed at them. "I rode my bike here!" My festival coverage that year was nominated for a National Magazine Award. I didn't win, but I did ride my bike to the gala.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

FILM BRIEFS

Dwayne Johnson top earner in Hollywood

Dwayne Johnson elbowed Robert Downey Jr. aside to become the highest-paid actor with a fast and furious income of $64.5 million, according to Forbes magazine.

The former wrestler beat out Jackie Chan with $61 million and Matt Damon, who earned $55 million. The rest of the top five on the list, released Thursday, included Tom Cruise with $53 million and Johnny Depp with $48 million.

The top guys make more money than the top ladies. Forbes' list of the highest-paid actresses, released earlier this week, put Jennifer Lawrence on top with $46 million, Melissa McCarthy with $33 million and Scarlett Johansson with $25 million.

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CULTURE

Music and art a constant in Cuban capital

Grace Lisa Scott
For Torstar News Service

ART AT EVERY CORNER Hip-hop inspired street art on colonial architecture is just one example of how Havana's rich history plays with its youthful side. PHOTOS GRACE LISA SCOTT/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Old Havana, on a hot Saturday afternoon, is almost more than the eyes can handle.

Along the narrow streets, residents yell from their windows, vendors sell tropical fruit from wooden carts, and restless cab drivers dart in every direction. Among the cacophony and colour, two things remain constant: music and art.

Pop songs pour out of doorways as tenants sit on sidewalks, observing the flow of activity. A stroll on these inner-city sidewalks reveals street art and public installations among the bright colonial façades.

From inside a house beside an 18th-century church, a band practises a heavy electric version of Mark Ronson's Uptown Funk.

This is the vibe in this friendly metropolis, where Cuba's rich history plays well with its youthful side.

A wonderful example of this duality of culture comes in the form of the Gran Teatro de La Habana Alicia Alonso, right across from Parque Central.

Built in the early 19th century, this palatial theatre is just one of the many historical buildings swept up in a wave of restoration throughout Old Havana. It re-opened its doors in January.

The home of Cuba's national ballet, this is the place to catch homegrown performers of a world-class calibre.

Thursday to Sunday, a journey to the central neighbourhood of Vedado is well worth it to wander the artistic labyrinth of the Fabrica de Arte Cubano, or FAC.

A converted warehouse run by the Ministry of Culture, lets visitors roam the multi-use arts space. From 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. there is art, music, movies and cocktails to take in along the way.

After a night at the FAC, a worthy mellow Sunday activity is a visit to Callejon de Hamel, a narrow alleyway in Central Havana filled with surrealist sculpture, vivid murals, and barbecue smoke.

The brainchild of Cuban artist Salvador Gonzales Escalona, the painted walls and sculpture park of Callejon de Hamel is an artistic ode to the vibrant African culture of Cuba, and every Sunday afternoon Afro-Cuban rumba bands and traditional dancers perform in the alley for locals, their kids and a smattering of tourists.

Dance, drink and eat an amazing barbecued chicken sandwich prepared in front of customers, all the while feeling like a guest at the coolest Havana block party of the year.

It's certainly easy to enjoy the hustle and bustle of Havana from the comfort of one of its many patios, whiling away the hours drinking mojitos in the sun. And it's a decent option — the Hotel Inglaterra near Parque Central, for instance, is a prime people-watching location.

But a few trips into Havana's cultural scene are too valuable to miss. After all, with all the commotion, what better way to hear the city's heartbeat.

Grace Lisa Scott's trip to Cuba was partially sponsored by G Adventures, which didn't review or approve this story.

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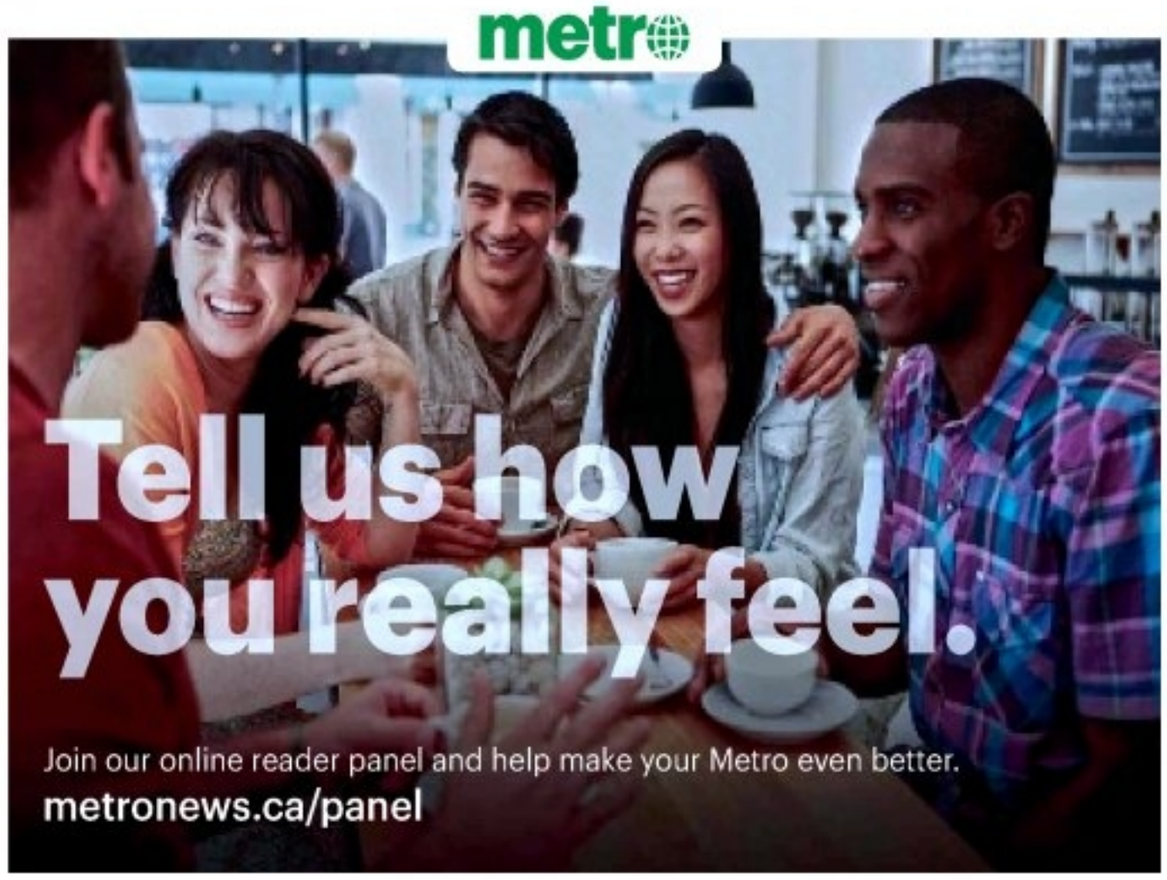

Scenic view of the Nicklaus North Golf Course.
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Top-notch tee offs in the mountains of Whistler

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Resort town ranks among best golf spots

Brian Kendall
For Metro Canada

Whistler is a fun-packed town no matter the season.

In winter, skiers from around the world challenge the slopes of a British Columbia village that, together with Vancouver, hosted the 2010 Winter Olympics. Even bigger crowds arrive in summer to golf, hike and savour the mountain scenery.

With three top golf courses within a five-minute taxi ride of town, and another a short drive up the highway, Whistler ranks among the best — and most convenient — golf destinations in North America.

Golf was added to Whistler's tourism mix in 1983 when municipally-owned Whistler Golf Club opened within shouting distance of a colourful, walking-only inner village that includes dozens of restaurants, hotels, shops, bars and outdoor patios.

Designed by Arnold Palmer, this strong layout is set in a serpentine valley dotted with nine lakes and cut by two creeks. Another attraction is the club's charming outdoor patio, an ideal spot to ponder how to spend the rest of your day. Adrenaline junkies might opt for white-water rafting on the Green River, a zip-line trek across Fitzsimmons Valley, or a mad charge down the slaloms of the world's largest downhill bike park.

No one who visits Whistler is ever disappointed by the scenery. I spotted a mama bear and her two cubs during my round at Nicklaus North Golf Course. Slowly building momentum, this Jack Nicklaus-designed layout switches into high gear on a back nine featuring three strong par threes, all of which bring water into play.

With the successful launch of acclaimed courses by Palmer and Nicklaus, golf's two biggest stars, Whistler emerged as one of North America's most talked about new golf destinations.

In 1993, the Fairmont hotel chain unveiled what purists maintain is Whistler's only true mountain course. Unlike the Palmer and Nicklaus designs, which roll gently across the flatlands of the valley floor, Fairmont Chateau Whistler Golf Course is carved through the lower slopes of Blackcomb. During the opening three grinding uphill holes at this Robert Trent Jones Jr. design, golfers experience an elevation change of more than 300 feet.

There's so much going on in Whistler that many visitors never stray beyond the town limits. But it would be foolish for any serious golfer to come this far and not play Big Sky Golf and Country Club, about 25 minutes north in lovely Pemberton Valley.

> **No one who visits Whistler is ever disappointed by the scenery. I spotted a mama bear and her two cubs.**

Sheer-faced and massive, Mount Currie looms like a granite god over a brawny valley design by Bob Cupp defined by twisting creeks and seven lakes. Beware the fourth hole, not coincidentally named Purgatory. Water snakes across the fairway no fewer than four times on this 600-yard par five. Even the end of your stay in Whistler doesn't have to bring a stop to the fun. The drive south to Vancouver along the winding Sea-to-Sky Highway is one of the most picturesque in Western Canada. Just past the historic mining town of Squamish, look on the right side of the highway for a 211-yard par three set on a rocky peninsula thrusting into Howe Sound. That's the signature hole of Furry Creek Golf and Country Club. If time permits, stop and play an outrageous thrill ride of a course that's so difficult it's best not to keep score.

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Olympic 100-metre champ Elaine Thompson starred while her Jamaican teammate Usain Bolt missed the first Diamond League meet after Rio

Henderson leads nation's new wave of top golfers

CANADIAN OPEN

Youth movement on display this weekend

Led by star Brooke Henderson and following a trail blazed by Lorie Kane, women's golf in Canada is in the midst of a youth movement.

Henderson, an 18-year-old from Smiths Falls, Ont., is ranked No. 3 in the world. She leads a contingent of 16 Canadians competing at the LPGA's Canadian Open this week, with only three of them over the age of 30.

At 51, Charlottetown's Kane is a legend who was recently added to the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame. The other veterans on the team are 35-year-old Hamilton native Alena Sharp — who competed in the Rio Olympics alongside Henderson — and 32-year-old Samantha Richdale of Kelowna, B.C.

"I really think we've become more of a one-sport nation," said Kane, who was 29 when she turned professional in 1996. "Families are keeping their kids in one sport rather than what I grew up with in being a multi-sport child."

Henderson isn't even the youngest Canadian competing this week. that honour belongs to 17-year-old amateur Brigitte Thibault of Rosemere, Que., who earned a spot in her first LPGA Tour event by qualifying this week.

Kane believes that having youth focus on one sport — like Henderson and Thibault have — has them developing into more well-rounded players earlier in their lives.

"I played everything and I spent my six months playing golf and then I put my clubs away and played a bunch of other sports. I don't see that happening now," said Kane on Thursday. "It's probably good for golf and as a result we're getting better results, if you use Brooke as the example, and then all the other national team program kids."

Jennifer Ha of Calgary, at age 22, is playing in her third Canadian Open and is also a graduate of the national team program. She said the professional circuit has been a learning experience.

"I think every player goes through that moment of doubt and saying like, 'oh, is this really for me?' But then there's those moments when you make the top 10 and you're like 'alright, I'm right back in it,"' Ha said.

Naomi Ko of Victoria is another talented amateur who just turned 19 and earned an exemption to compete in the Canadian Open.

She said the success of Henderson, who won her first professional tournament at 15, and Lydia Ko, who is 19 and ranked number one in the world, is an inspiration for younger golfers coming up.

"It kind of gives me a way to give myself a chance and know if they can do it I have a chance to succeed like they do," she said.

"I do see that pattern coming along. I think it's maybe just a different generation."

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Brooke Henderson finished in a tie for seventh at the Rio Olympics. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lydia Ko
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ko among early leaders

Lydia Ko, Mirim Lee and Mi Jung Hur sat atop the leaderboard at the Canadian Open Thursday with many golfers still out on the course.

The trio of golfers each finished their opening rounds with a 5-under-par 67.

Earlier, players were shuttled off the course at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club due to a lightning delay around noon.

Brooke Henderson was scheduled to tee off at 4:21 p.m.

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Crosby named Canada's captain

Hockey Canada is going to mine a gold-medal leadership group for the upcoming World Cup of Hockey.

Sidney Crosby will once again serve as captain for Team Canada, joined like he was at the 2014 Sochi Olympics by Jonathan Toews and Shea Weber as alternates.

It seemed only fitting, given Canada's success in Russia, that the defined leadership group would be given the honour once more at the revived international tournament, which begins in Toronto next month.

> **Leadership is about making people accountable when things aren't right and these guys all do it real well.**
> Mike Babcock

"They know me, I know them, they know what's expected," head coach Mike Babcock said of the decision during a Hockey Canada conference call. "And probably the thing that separates them from a lot of players is they play their best in the biggest moments. So for me, to lead a bunch of leaders, because everyone on our team is capable of being a captain, for them to lead a bunch of leaders is going to be important for our group to have success."

All three performed on the biggest international stage more than two years ago where Canada captured its second-straight gold medal at the Sochi Games.

Crosby scored the second goal of the gold-medal game against Sweden and was a dominant two-way force through the tournament.

Toews opened the scoring against the Swedes in the 2014 gold-medal tilt, while Weber paced the group both in ice-time (nearly 22 minutes per game) and production, posting six points in six games (tied with Drew Doughty).

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ZIKA

Dolphins, Marlins employ safeguards

The Miami Dolphins and Miami Marlins say they've intensified mosquito-control treatments at their stadiums because of the Zika virus.

The Dolphins' stadium is more than 10 miles from the nearest area of the virus outbreak. Even so, the Dolphins say they decided weeks ago to undertake additional treatments as a precaution.

Construction workers are at the site daily completing the latest phase in a $500-million renovation. The first home preseason game is next Thursday against Tennessee.

The Marlins and Miami-Dade County have stepped up spraying in and around Marlins Park "in an abundance of caution," team president David Samson said Thursday. Treatments targeting the mosquito that transmits Zika are being used even though the Marlins play most of their home games indoors under a retractable roof.

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IN BRIEF

Sharper gets 20 years in Louisiana rape case

Making clear that she thought the sentence was a light one, a Louisiana judge Thursday formally imposed a 20-year prison sentence on former NFL star Darren Sharper, who last week was sentenced by a federal judge to 18 years and four months in a drug and rape case with victims in four states. Sentenced to nine years already in Arizona, Sharper still faces formal sentencing in California and Nevada. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARALYMPICS

Putin says Russian ban is inhumane

Russian President Vladimir Putin attacked the ban on his country from the Rio de Janeiro Paralympics as immoral and inhumane on Thursday, while six Russian athletes launched a bid to compete at next month's games as individuals.

"The decision to disqualify our Paralympians is outside the bounds of law, morality and humanity," Putin said at an award ceremony for Olympic athletes at the Kremlin. He called the ruling against Russia "cynical" and claimed that "it even humiliates those who take such decisions."

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Vladimir Putin
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

RECIPE Tuna Niçoise Sandwich

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Welcome the weekend with this flavorful sammie combining tuna and egg that get a flavuor boost from olive tapenade.

Ready in 1 hour and 15 minutes
Prep time: 15
Time in fridge: 1 hour
Makes 6 to 8 servings

Ingredients
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp dijon mustard
- 2 x 7 oz cans of tuna
- 1/4 English cucumber, sliced
- 1 rustic loaf of bread
- 1 or 2 Tbsp black olive tapenade
- handful fresh basil
- 3 hard-boiled eggs

Directions

1. Whisk together oil, vinegar and mustard until you have a smooth dressing. Drain your tuna well and place it in a bowl. Add 2 tablespoons of the dressing to the tuna and mash it up with a fork and mix well. Toss the sliced cucumber in the remaining tablespoon of dressing and give it a stir.

2. Cut the loaf of bread horizontally and use your fingers to pinch out a good bit (about a cup) of the soft bread inside. Spread a thin layer of tapenade on piece of bread. Place a layer of basil leaves, followed by a layer of sliced egg. Now use a spoon to mound the tuna next. Follow with a layer of sliced cucumber.

3. Place the top of the bread and press down gently. Wrap the whole sandwich in plastic. Put it on a plate and weigh it down with something. Put the whole works in the fridge for at least an hour or overnight so the flavours combine and the sandwich is easier to slice.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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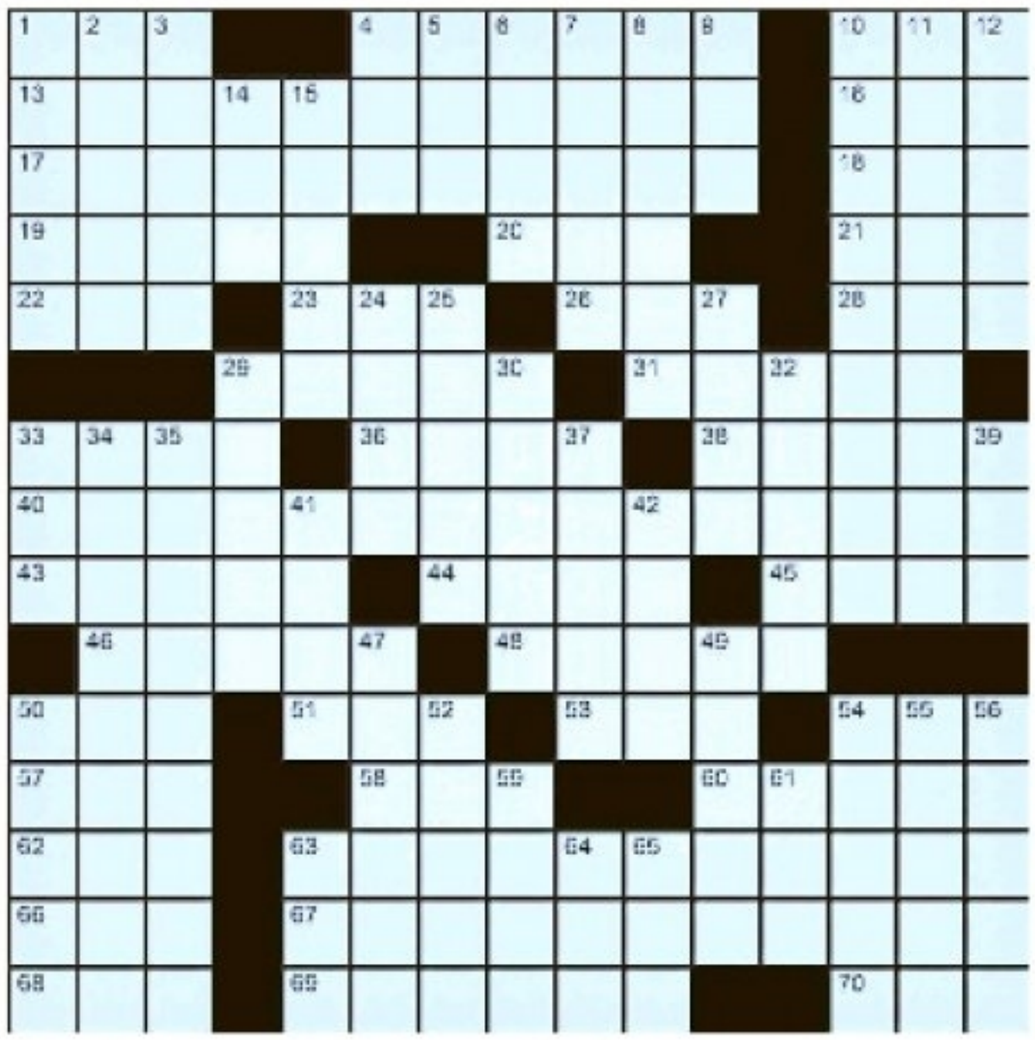

ACROSS
1. Sushi tuna
4. Love Grows (Where My Rosemary Goes) by __ Lighthouse
10. TV's modern-day VCR
13. Downtown Toronto shopping attraction: 2 wds.
16. Sundial number
17. What that guy used to climb Trump Tower recently: 2 wds.
18. Cdn. buying network
19. 1985 Power Station hit: "Some Like __ __"
20. Kimono belt
21. Stage hint
22. Lana Del __
23. Performer's agt.
26. Lorne Michaels' li'l show
28. Owns
29. Pepsis
31. Masterpiece displayer
33. 'Mars'-meaning prefix
36. Wk.'s first days
38. Namesakes of Ingrid's Casablanca (1942) character
40. Canadian who anchors her own show on HLN: 2 wds.
43. Mythology: Rarified fluid
44. Way off
45. Prefix meaning 'Within'
46. Garden plant
48. Arctic boat
50. Ms. Winger, to pals
51. Affixed, abbreviated
53. Laboratory subj.
54. Battery size
57. Grand __ Opry
58. "Yuck!"
60. Envelope insertions [abbr.]
62. Irish coronation stone, __ Fail
63. Yeomen Warders protect them: 2 wds.
66. Muscle, e.g.
67. Randy Bachman's Springtime melts the snow... tune: 2 wds.
68. "What did you just say?"
69. Inattentive
70. Irons, symbolically

DOWN
1. Pantheon of Norse gods
2. High, in Hull
3. Mouse on "The Simpsons"
4. __-friendly
5. Comfy room
6. Sudbury landmark, __ Superstack
7. Used-ticket bits
8. 'Live-forever"perennial plant
9. Belonging to Lincoln's li'l state
10. Helps out: 2 wds.
11. Sculpture or photography or ceramics: 2 wds.
12. Lyricist Tim's surnamesakes
14. Prefix meaning 'Ear'
15. Explosive stuff
24. "If all __ fails..."
25. 1963 Billboard chart-topper: "Hey __"
27. Retreat
29. Salmon varieties
30. Debacle
32. Streamlined
33. Marie Claire's friend
34. Saint-Jean-sur-__, Quebec
35. New Wave classic by Martha and the Muffins: 2 wds.
37. Sends e-mail advertising
39. __ Luis, Brazil
41. "Thou __ __ lady." - King Lear
42. Mr. McCormack
47. Metropolitan maison, pied-__-__
49. Comic books scream!
50. Mr. Lundgren of Rocky IV (1985)
52. Wee hours time: 2 wds.
54. The Sign by __ __ Base
55. Carpenters hit: "For __ __ Know"
56. Groups, briefly
59. '39 to '45 conflict
61. Nunavut's neigh.
63. Paramedic's skill, commonly
64. Singer/songwriter Lionel's famous daughter ...her initials-sharers
65. '__' __ for Jasper

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Do what you can to get better organized now. Basically, you want to turn over a new leaf. You want to be on top of your life; you even want to be healthier!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a lovely, playful time for your sign. Slip away on vacation if you can. Romance, the arts and enjoyable activities with children will delight.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Your attention continues to focus on home, family and your private life. One thing that consumes you now is repairs and redecorating projects.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a busy, fast-paced time for you, so enjoy the next few weeks. Short trips, errands, increased reading and writing plus talking to everyone will keep you on the go!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Money is on your mind now. You have moneymaking ideas; however, you also have ideas about how to spend money. (There are so many beautiful things and fun experiences!)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have good fortune in the next few weeks, so make the most of it. Favourable circumstances and important people are attracted to you now. Lucky you!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Work behind the scenes for the next few weeks, because this will feel best. Start to plan ahead what you want your new year (birthday to birthday) to be all

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Friendships are important to you now. That's why the next few weeks will be unusually social and popular for you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Because people in authority admire you, expect to be asked to take on increased responsibilities or to do a special job. Don't worry — you will shine!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Treat yourself to exciting changes and opportunities to visit different places in the next few weeks, because you need a change of scenery. Grab every opportunity to learn something new.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The next few weeks are the ideal time to focus on debt, taxes, inheritances and shared property. Tie up as many loose ends as possible. You will benefit from financial transactions.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Get more sleep in the next few weeks. Aside from that, your relations with partners and close friends are excellent!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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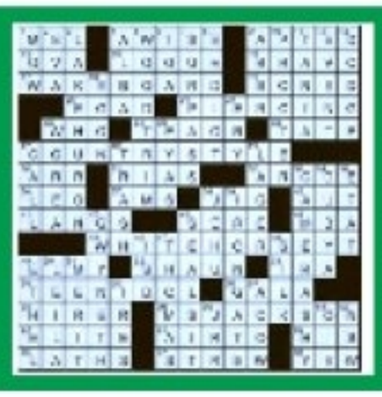

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